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TO : Chief, RQM/OIS
Attention: E

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FROM : Chief, Contact Division, OO

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SUBJECT: Central American Matters

1. Commenting on the recent New York Times articles by Sydney Gruson, the source of OO-B-75152 said he observed Gruson making a noticeable effort to ingratiate himself with Foreign Minister Toriello at the Caracas Conference. Source believes Gruson was readmitted to Guatemala at Toriello's behest and in expectation of more favorable articles on Guatemala.

2. Another source, whose past material has not been notably reliable, says a Nicaraguan named Arguello (Roseado Arguello?) is in Chiapas, Mexico, preparing to run arms into Guatemala under sponsorship of the US Government. The sub-source of this information is E a Mexican who is supposed to be with "the Mexican secret police". Source and subsource predict that the Ruiz Cortines regime will not last six months and that Ruiz will be succeeded by someone of Aleman's choosing, possibly Antonio Bermudez.

3. If there are any inquiries about this unevaluated information, please call E, extension 2281.

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